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Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2007 8:46 AM

To: 'Sarah Palin'; Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Rutherford; Marty K (DNR); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Patrick S Galvin; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Bitney; John W (LAA); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)

Cc: Stapleton; Meghan N (GOV)

Subject: RE: producers' meetings

We can certainly do a press conference. Commissioner Galvin provided a list of just high level meetings to us with at least a dozen dates, I believe – and that list would be more comprehensive with lower level meetings. Robert Dillon of Oil Daily actually wrote Dan Fagan a note questioning his line of reasoning. I will forward to all in case some haven't seen. To be clear, we have countered – and I believe you did too on the Fagan show and elsewhere it's been suggested. We have not countered the VOT on really anything since they admittedly tell others they write what VECO tells them too and not their opinions. I like your soundbite and I don't personally see anything wrong with coming out charging. They get away with it by using the word "negotiated." We're not negotiating with anyone. However, we've been talking with numerous entities and asking for input. Perhaps we could also point out that we can continue to expect this rhetoric the closer the legislators come to approving AGIA and since that will be in roughly a month, I urge you to stand up for Alaska and contact your legislators. Let's get AGIA approved and move along with a gasline that protects us and not "them."

I believe many reporters are leaving today for the break. Let me see what the schedules are in terms of timing.

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Subject: Re: producers' meetings

Additionally: a soundbite on this issue will be: "If Veco is still attacking me, then we must be doing something right for Alaskans."

Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> wrote:
G'morning:

Tom Brennen's article this morning in the VOT is outrageous in it's claim that we haven't "negotiated" with producers.

This type of claim can not continue to go unanswered, as I've been trying to convince naysayers that we've met with producers/industry, we're open to continued meetings with them, etc... but my counterclaims seem to be falling on deaf ears considering the repetitious false claims that

continue to spew from (evidently) producer-biased persons - or the producers themselves. The claim makes us sound unreasonable, irresponsible, stubborn and incompetent. It's not fair to Alaskans to have not corrected this claim a long time ago - when it first started surfacing.

So, today this claim must be countered. We need a strong op-ed, or presser, or whatever is most effective.

Unless I'm missing something here and there HAS been refusal on the part of gasline team members to work with - or meet with - producers, then it's ridiculous to let this bogus claim hang out there and gather more steam everyday.

Please let me know what the team's strategy is today on this - I'll talk to reporters about the facts when you present them to me re: dates, times, subjects, etc. in meetings with producers.
thanks!

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From: Governor Sarah Palin [govpalin@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2007 9:22 AM

To: Fagerstrom; Erika (GOV)

Subject: RE: Prayer Breakfast Photos

No problem using the pic. Erika! And your questions are no bother at all!

Remind Steph that I boiled all the eggs that I found in the fridge last night – sorry I nabbed them if she needed them for anything today.

Thanks!

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Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2007 5:53 PM
To: 'Governor Sarah Palin'; 'Governor Sarah Palin'
Subject: Prayer Breakfast Photos

Hello Governor,

The Governor's Prayer Breakfast (Lunch this year) would like to run a TV. ad for the event. Would it be okay with you- to use your official picture? Andy Mills is sending a few other pictures over. The advertisement would basically show a few pictures and say something like.."Come join us as we honor, support, and pray for Governor Sarah Palin" followed by the information for the event.

I apologize for bothering you with questions, we just don't want to over-step our bounds or use something that we shouldn't.

Thanks!
Erika

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From: Governor Sarah Palin [governor@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2007 2:00 PM
To: clayrai@aol.com
Subject: RE: Ak_History_Facts

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you

have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and

every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person

in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2007 10:07 AM

To: governor@gov.state.ak.us

Subject: Ak_History_Facts

Web mail from: Mr. Kevin Shirley

address: 2869 Edgewood Road Columbus GA 31906

MESSAGE:

Is there a book, brochure, photgraph, or postcard available of the Governor's Mansion? I am trying to get

information on each mansion. Thank you for all your help.

clayrai@aol.com

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From: Denby Lloyd [denby_lloyd@fishgame.state.ak.us]
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2007 12:23 PM
To: 'Sarah Palin'
Cc: 'Mike Nizich'; 'Mike Tibbles'; 'Meghan Stapleton'
Subject: FW: FW: airborne hunting language

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Clear as mud? If you need anything else, please let me know.

DL.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kevin Saxby [mailto:kevin_saxby@law.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2007 11:41 AM

To: Denby Lloyd

Subject: RE: FW: airborne hunting language

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Subject: FW: airborne hunting language

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To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

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Subject: airborne hunting language

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From: Sarah Palin [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2007 1:55 PM

To: Lloyd; Denby S (DFG)

Subject: Re: FW: FW: airborne hunting language

clear as mud - thanks!

Also, I called my dad and asked him what the heck his name is doing on a document being circulated in this building that lists "Those Opposed to Denby..." and he insists he's NEVER opposed you (I believe him!) but did contact Charlie Huggins asking for more information on Ken b/c he'd heard that Ken wanted to neuter wolves. He said his contact with Charlie is the only thing he can think of that would have put him on that list - and he shouldn't be on that list.

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Subject: FW: AGIA editorial.doc

Our press office received this just a little bit ago. Steve Porter sent the proposed editorial below - he still needs to have Stedman look at it and he would like for us to see it, too. It's much of what was heard yesterday - positive tone, but inside it does discuss a thorough analysis of the gas tax before approving the AGIA. That doesn't mean much for the average person at home, but as Commissioner Galvin pointed out yesterday, does mean a lot to us in terms of the timeline. The rest is appears to be extremely complimentary.

Thanks,
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Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2007 11:08 AM
To: 'Meghan Stapleton'; Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: FW: AGIA editorial.doc

From: Steve Porter [mailto:Steve_Porter@legis.state.ak.us]
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2007 11:00 AM
To: sharon_busch@gov.state.ak.us
Subject: AGIA editorial.doc

Palin Gasline Plan Train Track to our Future

Governor Palin understands that there are two parts of the process that need to come together to have a success. AGIA was designed to address both. Let's look at the needs of each and how AGIA addresses them in a way that increases the likelihood of getting a gas pipeline sometime before our grandchildren are grown.

The most important issue to address is making sure that the upstream shipper/producer has what it needs to come to the open season and bid their gas in the form of firm transportation commitments. Without those commitments any pipeline company would be hard pressed to finance a project of this magnitude. Some have said it would be impossible to finance this project without them.

So what do the producers require? From their testimony they have said they need fiscal certainty. Fiscal certainty for them means making sure that the state doesn't increase their taxes in the future after they have committed to firm transportation (FT) commitments lasting 20 years or longer that obligate them to ship their gas on the pipeline. That commitment will enable the pipeline company to finance the pipeline because the producers have, in essence, agreed to pay for that pipeline over the next 20 years through the tariff. The tariff is what the pipeline company charges the producers to ship their gas.

The inducement in AGIA is the state will provide the producers with fiscal certainty on the taxes they pay on the gas if the producers show up at the first binding open season. It is clean and straight forward. Two questions remain. What should the tax be and what should the term be?

First, the term. The governor has recommended 10 years in AGIA; the producers negotiated a contract for 35 years under the Stranded Gas Development Act (SGDA), and the term of their FT commitment could be around 20 years. Certainly the 35 years is out and it doesn't make sense for the state to commit to anything greater that the producer commitment to the pipeline of around 20 years. So the boundaries are set, somewhere between 10 and 20 years. The legislature gets to decide based on what they think is a fair exchange for inducing a shipper to commit their gas at the initial open season.

Second, the tax. What is a reasonable gas tax. Last year the legislature went through a thorough process of redesigning the oil and gas tax, creating the petroleum production tax (PPT). For purposes of this discussion I will assume that they came up with a fair tax on oil. At the time the focus was on oil, a thorough review of what the tax on gas should be was not done. Some have said that was because the gas tax was fixed in the proposed SGDA contract. What the legislature needs to do is a thorough analysis of the gas tax to see if it should be raised or lowered and if the progressivity provision in the oil tax works for gas. Once they make that determination, and a change if necessary, they are ready to pass AGIA fixing the tax for the term necessary to provide the producers with the fiscal certainty the believe is necessary to commit their gas to the first open season.

Next what does a pipeline company require to move forward with the project and what do we require of a pipeline company. First, we need a pipeline company that has the expertise to carry out the project: the technical expertise to build a complex project in this harsh arctic environment, the capable staff that understand and can manage a project of this magnitude, and the financial strength to see the project through to the end even if there are substantial unforeseen cost overruns.

What the pipeline company needs is for the state to not abandon them for a "better" project part way through the process. If they are going to risk hundreds of millions of dollars they want fiscal certainty on this risk dollars. Seems like a reasonable request.

What AGIA does is give them that certainty, first through a substantial contribution to the project – up to $500 million, then through a damages clause that says if we abandon them for another project they get three times their investment back.

Some have said that any pipeline company that has the financial strength to build what may end up being a $30 billion pipeline doesn't need a $500 million contribution. But they miss the point of the contribution. The reason for the contribution is about state commitment to the project and to the selected licensee, not about need. If the state is willing to contribute a substantial sum of money and agrees to substantial damages if it abandons the licensee, it will think seriously before it takes that step. This should be sufficient to entice most pipeline companies to compete to become the licensee.

All told AGIA has the elements necessary to encourage a successful gas pipeline. There are probably changes that need to be made, but the basic structure is in place. Lets figure out what changes need to be

made to make it better and increase the chances that our grandchildren will be have the freedom to do something more productive with their time than figuring out how to build a gas pipeline.

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Subject: RE: I was not informed about Pt. Thomson and may be asked in tomorrow's press conf.

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The unit was placed in default by the previous Admin and that decision was upheld by Acting Commissioner Marty Rutherford. It is in litigation and we can't say more except we are confident of the state's position.

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The leases were not extended.

This is being managed by DNR with continuing support from Dept of Law. The goal is to insure Pt T gas is available for the gas line. We will keep all informed if there are changes.

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Please call me at Privileged c if anyone needs more or if we can help. Tom

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Next year, it will be smooth sailing...as it will all be routine by then.

Easter
Would you like for me to pick up baskets for the girls? Stefani has candy, but if you want I could pick something else up.
On-line gift certificates for Old Navy, American Eagle, Abercombie... I'd need credit card info. for that..
Tanning coupons for Bristol...?
Movie passes

Erika

From: Governor Sarah Palin [mailto:govpalin@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2007 9:22 AM
To: 'Erika Fagerstrom'
Subject: RE: Prayer Breakfast Photos

No problem using the pic. Erika! And your questions are no bother at all!

Remind Steph that I boiled all the eggs that I found in the fridge last night – sorry I nabbed them if she needed them for anything today.

Thanks!

From: Erika Fagerstrom [mailto:erika_fagerstrom@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2007 5:53 PM
To: 'Governor Sarah Palin'; 'Governor Sarah Palin'
Subject: Prayer Breakfast Photos

Hello Governor,

The Governor's Prayer Breakfast (Lunch this year) would like to run a TV. ad for the event. Would it be okay with you- to use your official picture? Andy Mills is sending a few other pictures over. The advertisement would basically show a few pictures and say something like.."Come join us as we honor, support, and pray for Governor Sarah Palin" followed by the information for the event.

I apologize for bothering you with questions, we just don't want to over-step our bounds or use something that we shouldn't.

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From: Ivy Frye [Ivy_Frye@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2007 9:16 AM
To: Sarah Palin; Christopher Clark; John Bitney; Todd Palin
Subject: FW: Rep. Doogan's E-News: Special Midweek edition!

There's a link to Mike Doogan's AGIA song.

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From: Rep. Mike Doogan [mailto:Representative_Mike_Doogan@legis.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2007 4:28 PM
Subject: Rep. Doogan's E-News: Special Midweek edition!

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April 4, 2007

Special Midweek edition!

We're on Easter break after Thursday's floor session and the woman who lets me live with her and I are getting out of Juneau for a few days. So here is this abbreviated week's update.

See you later, ethics

On Monday, the House unanimously approved its omnibus ethics bill, HB 109. It contains parts of 13 bills, as well as some of the more than 50 amendments that were offered in the State Affairs and Judiciary committees. It's not a perfect bill, but it does make the ethics laws stronger. The bill has gone to the Senate, which will do who knows what, and then probably to a conference committee to iron out the differences of opinion between us and them. So we'll most likely be seeing the bill again on the House floor later in the session.

Au revoir, 90-day session

On Tuesday, we passed a bill, HB 171, to make a 90-day session work. That was mostly changing the dates of when reports are due to us, but it does provide for a February starting date every other year. I don't think the 90-day session is a good idea, but the voters approved it and now we've got to try to make it work. I was particularly happy with an amendment by Harry Crawford and others that took out the automatic

repeal of the 90-day session after two years had passed.

Bye, bye AGIA

Also on Tuesday, the powerful Oil and Gas Committee, of which I am a powerful member, passed out its version of Gov. Sarah Palin's Alaska Gasline Inducement Act, HB 177. The short version is that the governor gave us a pretty good bill and we made it better, and we did it in a workmanlike, bipartisan way. (We also got a pretty funky song out of it.) But the bill is not well liked by the North Slope oil and gas producers and their allies in the legislature, so it's a good bet that mischief will be done somewhere along the way.

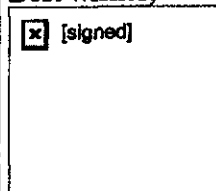
Go away, cruise ship initiative changes

I'm wrestling with another bill to change the cruise ship initiative, this one in the powerful Economic Development, Trade and Tourism Committee. The bill, HB 217, would eliminate the requirement that cruise ship personnel who sell shore-side tours to passengers declare how much of their payment is going into the cruise line's pocket. I don't support the bill, because I don't think we should be making significant changes to laws passed by initiative unless they pose a serious threat to the state. I'm also unhappy with the cruise ship industry, which is trying to nibble the initiative to death using arguments they could have made to the voters but didn't. Looks like we'll be voting on the bill next Tuesday, so stay tuned.

Farewell, constituent meeting

Sen. Hollis French, Rep. Lindsey Holmes, Blazzee the Clown and I had a lot of fun with about 100 people who came out to eat pizza and talk politics at the Spenard Rec Center last weekend. If you weren't there, you missed the party of the year, if not the century. I heard about lots of issues that are important to people in our House district and, let me tell you, that Blazzee really knows his way around a balloon animal.

Best wishes,

[signed]

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To: Meghan Stapleton; 'John Bitney'; 'Michael Tibbles'; 'Sarah Palin'
Cc: Devon; Shannon L (GOV); 'Christopher Clark'; 'Michelle Fabrello'
Subject: RE: Jim Elkins services

From what I surmise the 19th is the "grand finale"

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Cc: 'Shannon Devon'; 'Christopher Clark'; 'Michelle Fabrello'
Subject: RE: Jim Elkins services

I know how difficult it would be to cancel – how about sliding the Glennallen trip out a day or two, one side or the other?

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To: 'John Bitney'; 'Michael Tibbles'; 'Meghan Stapleton'; 'Sarah Palin'
Cc: 'Shannon Devon'; 'Christopher Clark'; 'Michelle Fabrello'
Subject: RE: Jim Elkins services
Importance: High

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Who from our administration is planning on going to the Elkins' service, does anyone know?

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Subject: Jim Elkins services

For consideration – trip to Ketchikan to attend memorial services for former-Rep. Jim Elkins

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If more information is required...please let me know.

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